IATI: Vocabulary Lists

IATI Codelists

IATI standardizes reporting by using **codelists**. Codelists make IATI data from different publishers comparable by providing everyone with the same set of options for defining their programs. A codelist is simply a defined set of options for categorizing your work. For example, you can pick from a **list of countries codes** to define your activity's geographic scope.

IATI Vocabularies

Some elements of the IATI standard use a single codelist, meaning a single set of options. For example, everyone gets the same six options for **activity status**: pipeline/identification, implementation, completion, etc. But for some elements of IATI, you get to choose *which codelist* you'd like to use. In order to make sense of which codes you're using, you have to state which codelist or **vocabulary** you're using. One example is the **sector vocabulary**. Most publishers use vocabulary '1' (OECD DAC CRS 5-digit Purpose Codes) but IATI also recognizes many other external codelists as possible vocabularies.

As a result, when setting up your DevResults site for IATI reporting,   **you'll need to choose which vocabulary you'd like to use eveywhere that IATI provides an option**.

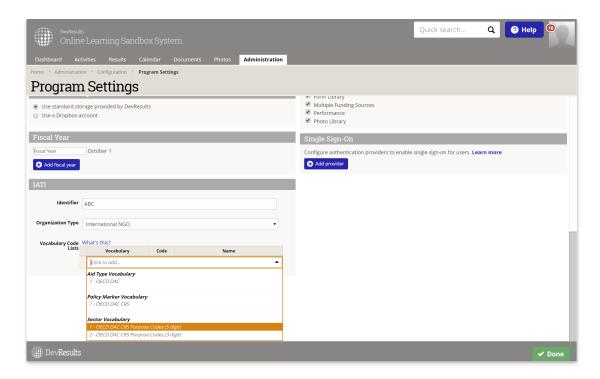> For more information, please refer to the **IATI Codelists**.

Select vocabulary lists

To go to the IATI Hub, click on the **Administration > IATI** menu. Now choose the **Settings** tab. You'll see a section for IATI Code Lists with a table of vocabularies.

- **Aid Type Vocabulary**
- **Policy Marker Vocabulary**
- **Region Vocabulary**
- **Sector Vocabulary**

Choose at least one codelist for each vocabulary.

> There aren't a lot of options at the moment because we started with the most common choices for each, but these will expand in the future. If you don't see your preferred codelist in the dropdown menu, please reach out to us at **help@devresults.com**.

Once you've added the IATI vocabulary code lists, you're ready to finish **configuring your site for IATI exports**.

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